

REMARKS

Claim 30 has been amended to correct the formal problem noted by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not presented a prima facie case of obviousness, because the date of publication of the primary reference has not been established. The Examiner has included a page from the online publication indicating a document creation date of July 14, 1999. However, the date the document was created by a piece of software is not necessarily the date the document was published.

Nevertheless, the independent claims have been amended to recite the use of a pre-established DTD. The Turau document generates DTD's on the fly. It does not use a pre-established DTD. Accordingly, Turau cannot use a DTD corresponding to multiple heterogeneous data sources as recited in new claims 76-80. Such DTD's are currently needed to be used as standards within industries.

Claims 10, 49, and 64 have been made independent. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not made a prima facie case of obviousness against these claims. The Examiner cites page 4 of the reference for this proposition. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner mischaracterizes this portion of the reference. The reference has a mapping, but does not appear to have a mapping language. As far as Applicants can tell, based on the portions referred to by the Examiner, "DB2XML" is not a mapping language, but rather the name of the software that does the mapping. If DB2XML were a mapping language, the reference would have to specify a syntax and/or grammar for it, as explained at great length in Applicants' specification.

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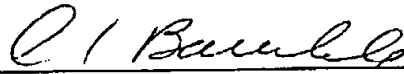
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The Examiner's other rejections and/or points of argument not addressed herein would appear to be moot in view of the foregoing. Nevertheless, Applicants reserve the right to respond to those rejections and arguments at a later date.

Any other amendments to the existing claims that have been made herein and not yet mentioned are made to resolve antecedent basis problems.

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